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NO. 33 : NATURE OF OCCUPANCY OF OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS : AUSTRALIA.

This statement shows the numbers of occupied private houses and flats and total private dwellings in each State and Territory of Australia, according to nature of occupancy, at the Census of 30th June, 1954.

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building. "Private dwellings" comprise mainly private houses (including sheds, huts, garages, etc. used for dwelling purposes), shares of private houses, flats and rooms, apartments, etc. A "flat" is part of a house or other building which can be completely closed off and which includes both cooking and bathing facilities.

All figures shown herein are exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blood aboriginals.

OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO NATURE OF OCCUPANCY IN EACH

STATE AND TERRITORY, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blood aboriginals)

OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a)

Nature of Occupancy	N. S. W.	Vic.	Q'land	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N. T.	A. C. T.	Aust.
Owner	386,550	299,883	175,487	96,528	77,548	36,910	1,028	762	1,074,69
Purchaser by Instalments	125,195	100,745	48,376	36,584	22,573	9,540	63	549	343,68
"Tenant" (Governmental Housing) (b)	26,685	28,320	9,435	12,282	8,012	2,871	1,568	5,009	573,78
Tenant	203,463	129,357	54,493	41,138	32,020	19,128			
Caretaker	9,542	5,929	4,881	1,716	1,890	1,158	156	35	25,30
Other methods of Occupancy	9,751	6,083	5,873	2,750	1,951	711	135	31	27,28
Not Stated	4,559	2,204	2,327	868	869	397	97	4	11,32
Total	765,745	572,521	300,872	191,866	144,863	70,715	3,047	6,390	2,056,04

OCCUPIED FLATS

Nature of Occupancy	N. S. W.	Vic.	Q'land	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N. T.	A. C. T.	Aust.
Owner	6,631	3,929	3,012	1,212	666	519	1	4	15,97
Purchaser by Instalments	809	506	199	173	60	68	-	1	1,88
"Tenant" (Governmental Housing) (b)	3,077	1,122	111	92	266	25	104	303	108,07
Tenant	57,432	22,144	13,208	4,127	4,184	1,882			
Caretaker	392	239	160	32	47	17	1	-	88
Other Methods of Occupancy	171	152	50	22	19	19	1	1	43
Not Stated	108	56	31	16	15	4	-	-	23
Total	68,620	28,148	16,771	5,674	5,257	2,534	107	309	127,42

TOTAL OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS (c)

Nature of Occupancy	N. S. W.	Vic.	Q'land	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N. T.	A. C. T.	Aust.
Owner	404,502	313,429	181,619	101,588	80,420	38,436	1,038	782	1,121,84
Purchaser by Instalments	128,764	104,050	49,030	37,741	23,076	9,810	63	559	353,09
"Tenant" (Governmental Housing) (b)	30,539	29,589	10,779	12,432	8,371	2,930	1,740	5,617	799,23
Tenant	310,334	187,988	77,646	54,601	42,603	24,061			
Caretaker	10,416	6,493	5,215	1,862	2,029	1,216	160	36	27,42
Other Methods of Occupancy	10,339	6,588	6,078	2,858	2,040	758	137	33	28,83
Not Stated	5,265	2,736	2,516	1,013	957	436	99	4	13,02
Total	900,159	650,873	332,883	212,095	159,496	77,647	3,237	7,031	2,343,42

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. (b) These figures were compiled from the answers furnished in response to the instruction on the Census Householder's Schedule "Tenant paying rent to a Government Authority to write 'Tenant (G)'." (c) In addition to private houses and flats, includes shares of private houses, and rooms, apartments, etc.

Of the total number of occupied private dwellings in Australia at the Census of 30th June, 1954, those occupied by owners constituted 47.9 per cent. (compared with 44.7 per cent. in 1947); purchasers by instalments occupied 15.1 per cent. (7.9 per cent. in 1947), whilst tenants of all types occupied 34.1 per cent. (43.4 per cent. in 1947). Owner-occupied private dwellings in Australia increased by 283,789 or 33.9 per cent. since 1947, and purchaser-by-instalments by 205,416 or 139.1 per cent. Private dwellings occupied by all types of tenants decreased by 13,520 or 1.7 per cent.

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